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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 15, 2008 and in connection with a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application and consider the below remarks as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 15 of this paper.